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SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING - IRAN/GABON

REF: TEHRAN 9508

1. FROM LIBREVILLE VANTAGE POINT, TRAINING OF GABONESE PILOTS
IN IRAN (REFTTEL) REPRESENTS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND WE
RECOMMEND IIAF REQUEST BE APPROVED.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOG IS SEEKING DIVERSIFY ARMED
FORCES MATERIEL AND TRAINING AWAY FROM PRIOR TOTAL RELIANCE
ON FRANCE, AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN MAJOR STEP TO THIS END
IN PILOT TRAINING FIELD BY SENDING BULK OF CURRENT TRAINEES
TO MOROCCO AND GERMANY. TO EXTENT PRESIDENT BONGO INTENDS
PURSUE SUCH DIVERSIFICATION, IT IS CLEARLY IN US INTEREST
TO HAVE HIM TURN TO WESTERN-ORIENTED COUNTRIES SUCH AS
IRAN WHERE INSTRUCTION WILL FOLLOW US METHODS AND BE
TARGETED SPECIFICALLY AT US AIRCRAFT. THIS ORIENTATION
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ALSO REFLECTS FACT THAT C-130S ARE ALREADY IN GAF

INVENTORY AND F-5S WERE LISTED BY GAF LAST YEAR AS
FIRST CHOICE FOR FUTURE AIR FORCE EXPANSION.

3. IN CONTEXT GOG-GOI RELATIONS, AIR FORCE TRAINING WOULD
MARK ONLY SECOND CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF BILATERAL
COOPERATION ANTICIPATED IN WAKE OF BONGO'S VISIT TO
TEHRAN. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, ONLY OTHER SOLID EVIDENCE
OF SUCH COOPERATION TO DATE IS URANIUM SALES AGREEMENT
UNDER WHICH IRAN WILL BE CUSTOMER FOR UP TO 200 TONS PER
YEAR OF GABONESE PRODUCTION (CURRENTLY RUNNING AT ABOUT
750 TONS AND DUE FOR EXPANSION TO 1,500 TONS BY EARLY
1980'S). OTHER PROMISED PROJECTS HAVE SEEMINGLY DROPPED
FROM SIGHT, WITH MUCH-TOUTED HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION
ASSISTANCE NOW TO BE PROVIDED BY PHILIPPINES.

4. FOR TEHRAN: SINCE GAF ALSO REQUESTED THAT TRAINING SLOTS
BE MADE AVAILABLE IN US UNDER FMS PROGRAM, WE WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER IIAF PROPOSES TRAIN GABONESE
PILOTS ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS OR WHETHER TRAINING WILL BE
GOI GRANT TO GABON. STEIGMAN

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